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STEINS FOR DECORATION.

The Pleturesque Aspect of the German Beer Mug.

The stein, or German earthenware beer mug, is enjoying a full measure of popular favor just at present as an article both for decoration and for use. same devoted seal which always the the collecting mania, whatever

m it may chance to take. In stuments it is to be presumed that the steins are intended for at least occasional use, although it must be confessed that ornamentation is the chief idea. But there are many purchasers of the German beer mugs who would never dream of filling them with that fluid or any other. They are meant solely to be looked at-to be handled, if at all, with the utmost respect—and a high place amid the more old fashioned and consequently less interesting bric-a-brac of the room is awarded them. Women form a large portion of the class which regards the stein as a decorative object pure and simple. Some importers in the city have rooms reserved especially for their women customers, who drop in frequently to inquire whether there are any novelties in the designs or in the ware itself.

All the steins in this country are imported from Germany, and nearly all of them from the Rhine provinces. The oldest and best known manufactories, some of which have been in existence for 114 centuries, are in Rhenish Prussia, the duchy of Luxemburg and in Lorraine. Certain kinds of ware charac-terize the different places, but the processes to which the clay and stor subjected in the making are kept carefully guarded by the possessors of the secret. Lime is one of the chief ingredients of the softer earthenware mugs, and ground quartz and feldspar form the basis of the harder. The glazing is an art which has taken the greatest amount of study and experiment to develop successfully.

It is the task of an artist to decorate

the steins. All the figures and inscriptions must be painted on, and the mug then fired, as in china decoration in this country. The work upon the most cost-ly specimens is of a high order of merit. Some of the raised scroll ornamentation can be made by putting the soft clay in-to a mold, but the figures of men and animals which stand out in relief are formed by an artist modeler, who must be a good deal of a sculptor in his way. Familiar scenes from history and from fiction are favorite subjects for illustration on the steins.

The scheme to have detachable collars with shirt waists is a very happy thought of somebody, and the quick popularity of this style of waist attests its general favor. One waist will easily retain its freshness to wear through two collars, now that the shirt waist is such only in name and does not necessarily mean a bodice with a shirt front. Some dress-makers also make up the stylish silk waists to be worn with linen collars or batiste collara

A Favorite Pick Me Up.

A favorite pick me up, or quick lunch with the hurried society women of the present day is the yolks of 2 eggs, or a whole egg, with a teaspoonful of vinegar, a pinch of salt and half a teaspoon-ful of worcestershire sauce poured over them. The yolks are swallowed whole.

Worth Mentioning.

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The new chatclaine bag, made of various kinds of fancy cloths and showing silver mounts, is a thing for ease as well as beauty. Knit purses, with flat, round clasps

of gold or silver, are deservedly popular, they are so easily carried in the palm of

BY POLICE AT CALLAO.

Inquiry here confirms the story coming from Lima to the effect that the State Department has lodged a demand with the United States charge of legation at Lima for the release of the mate of the American bark "Uncle John." He was ashore on December 19 last at Callao, and was arrested because of his constant demand for "Rainier Beer." On tap or in bottles at the Criterion Saloon.

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